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At Page 1, immediately before line 1, please insert:

B1 - TITLE OF THE INVENTION -

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B2 - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION -

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B3 - SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION -

At Page 4, immediately before line 20, please insert:

B4 - BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS -

At Page 4, immediately before line 32, please insert:

B5 - DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION -

On a new page, Page 12, please insert:

- ABSTRACT

The purpose of the present invention is to match exactly the colour of a dressing with the colour of the surrounding area where said dressing is applied. To this end, the outer face (14) of the dressing is treated so as to absorb a cosmetic preparation applied on the surrounding cutaneous area. -

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Please delete the paragraph on Page 1, line 26, beginning with "In accordance", and insert:

- In accordance with the invention this object is achieved by virtue of a plaster according to the claims. -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 1, line 29, beginning with "The plaster . . .", and insert:

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- The plaster according to the claims has a skin-like appearance by reason of its prepared external surface. Make-up can be applied onto the external surface, so that the plaster then no longer stands out from its surroundings in terms of colour. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 2, line 1, beginning with "A surface . . .", and insert:

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- A surface that accepts a cosmetic preparation can be obtained in simple manner in accordance with the claims. In practice, the roughening can be effected by electrical discharge, etching or by mechanical means. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 2, line 6, beginning with "With the . . .", and insert:

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- With the further development of the invention according to the claims a good adhesion of lipophilic or hydrophilic cosmetic preparations is achieved. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 2, line 10, beginning with "The further . . .", and insert:

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- The further development of the invention according to the claims is advantageous with regard to an appearance that also comes close to the surface structure of the skin. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 2, line 14, beginning with "If the base . . .", and insert:

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- If the base layer of the plaster is constructed in accordance with the claims, the base layer can be chosen to be particularly thin: a single-ply layer of microcapsules which

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have a diameter ranging from a few μ to 100 μ , preferably about 10 to 20 μ , is sufficient for an effect that is adequate over and beyond one day. If the base layer is provided in a window of the adhesive layer, it can be guaranteed that the surface of the plaster coming into contact with the skin is continuous in flush manner and that the base layer does not show on the outside of the plaster. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, line 4, beginning with "The further . . .", and insert:

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- The further development of the invention according to the claims permits a good colour adaptation to the surroundings, also when no make-up is used. The plasters are made available in a large number of different colours, it being possible to bring this about in simple manner when use is made of printing-ink layers, on the other hand, the number of available colours is limited, and making plasters available in various closely graduated colour hues represents a considerable effort. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, line 15, beginning with "The further . . .", and insert:

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- The further development of the invention according to the claims is advantageous with regard to protection of the printing-ink layer against mechanical damage. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, line 19, beginning with "A plaster . . .", and insert:

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- ~~A plaster according to the claims is distinguished in that it~~
adapts itself particularly well to the surface of curved skin
segments. Base layers made out of rubber also have particular
advantages for medical reasons, e.g. in the dressing of blisters
on the foot. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, line 25, beginning with "If use is . . .", and insert:

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- ~~If use is made of layer thicknesses such as are specified in~~
the claims, on the one hand the plaster is not visually
obtrusive; on the other hand, it has sufficient strength." Such
thin plasters can also be adapted well to the geometry of the
surface of the skin. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page ³2, line 31, beginning with "With the . . .", and insert:

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- ~~With the further development of the invention according to~~
the claims it is ensured that the plaster does not come loose or
peel off, even under unfavourable conditions (e.g. a lengthy
stay in warm water or in the sun). The plaster remains
permanently connected to the surface of the skin and flakes
off together with the uppermost dermal layer when the skin is
renewed. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page ⁴3, line 4, beginning with "A plaster . . .", and insert:

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- ~~A plaster such as is specified in the claims is particularly~~
well suited for temporarily covering a surface segment of the

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skin or for covering a plaster with colour adapted to the colour of the skin, e.g. when bathing. -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, line 9, beginning with "Also in cases . . .", and insert:

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- Also in cases when the colour of the plaster, which is predetermined by a printing-ink layer, is exactly adapted to a make-up colour, by plaster and make-up being made available as a set, an outstanding colour adaptation obtains between plaster and surroundings. -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 4, line 15, beginning with "The further . . .", and insert:

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- The further development of the invention according to the claims permits a user simply to take the size of plaster that is required for the particular application from a set. Trimming of a plaster is not necessary. -

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Please delete Claim 3, without prejudice.

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1. A plaster with a base layer (10), having a working layer (20) and an adhesive layer (12), whereby the external surface of the base layer (10) remote from the adhesive layer (12) is formed in such a way that it accepts a cosmetic preparation, characterised in that the base layer (10) bears a printing-ink layer (30) which is situated between the base layer (10) which is made out of transparent material and the adhesive layer (12), and further characterised in that the external surface (14) of the base